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Steve,

Management is asking us to come up with metrics for our project. We have dismissed the six metrics "required" by the SPM and have settled on simply tracking completed tasks. We got management's concurrence on that this morning. So, we are scheduling the various tasks we have identified (basically the same as they always were) except that they're actually supposed to be based on reality! Incredible! Up to now, they've been designed to support the top-level milestones without regard to whether it's actually possible. Apparently, our simulation has visibility at the highest levels of the program, within both Boeing and the Government. If our "realistic" schedule doesn't support the milestones adequately, or if we identify significant risks, we may actually have enough clout to get more resources (help).

Anyway, I'm writing to request some info to help us in this effort.

How do we identify the number of ItemClasses we need to develop to establish a baseline?
Brainstorming session.

Do they correlate to each unique component that flows through the simulation?
Mapping, and generalization.

By "unique component," will we define a unique ItemClass for each LRU that is handled differently, even if only slightly, or may that be handled within a single ItemClasses script?

If differences are slight, it's recommended to handle them within a single ItemClass and provide parameters, rather than proliferate item classes that are similar. As I mentioned, the engine has a mechanism similar to inheritance to assist in this.

Besides LRUs and assemblies, does that also include resources?
Yes.

Will all of the scripts be contained within the ItemClasses or may some be external?
External linking is planned for the engine. The engine also allows custom tailoring of the script for each instance.

How do we estimate the size of the scripts?
In lines of code? We have a tool on campus that can help.

Eventually, we will need your help in estimating the development task times.
Ok.

Stan suggested another meeting this week but I thought we could handle this via email for now.
Can we make it Monday?